(b) whether Government propose to open such a University at Guwahati in the near future; and

(c) if so, by when and what are the details in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) National Policy on Education stipulates that in view of the need to effect an all round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions, In view of this, Central Govt. is not in favour of setting up of more Central Universities. However, the commitments already made by the Govt. in this regard will be fully honoured.

Vacant Post of Chairman, CBSE

3731. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Chairman, CBSE is laying vacant since 1999;

(b) if so, whether a panel of names has been identified;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the names recommended in the panel is not eligible for the post; and

(d) why the post has not been filled from among other eligible members of the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) Consequent upon the appointment of Shri B.P. Khandelwal as Director, National Institute of Educational Planning and Adminstration (NIEPA) the post of Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) fell vacant on 5.1.1999. The Search Committee constituted by this Department to recommend the names of suitable persons for appointment to the post of Chairman, CBSE had recommended the panel of 3 names. Based on the qualifications & experience of the candidates and the recommendations of

the Search Committee the Union Minister of Human Resource Development had approved the name of Shri Ashok Ganguly for appointment to the post of Chairman, CBSE. Necessary approval of the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet to the proposal regarding appointment of Shri Ashok Ganguly as Chairman, CBSE has since been received. Meanwhile, Shri B.P. Khandelwal has been simultaneously holding charge of the post of Chairman, CBSE in addition to his regular charge of the post of Director, NIEPA pending filling up of the post of Chairman, CBSE on regular basis.

ILL-Treatment of Parents of National Bravery Award Winner

3732. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Statesman' dated the 26th January, 2000 regarding ill-treatment by concerned officials of parents of one of the National Bravery award winner, awarded posthumously;

(b) if so, what are the details of the episode;

(c) whether the concerned official was identified and punished suitably; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The National Bravery Awards were given by the Prime Minister of India at a function organized by the Indian Council for Child Welfare. The organizers are not aware of any ill treatment.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Pace of Introduction of Computer education in schools

3733. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: